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Application Number	09/829,684
Filing Date	April 10, 2001 #10/6/03
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Art Unit	1773
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Attorney Docket Number	Mo6019/LeA 33,933

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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SERIAL NUMBER: 09/829,684 ) EXAMINER: S. AHMED  
FILED: APRIL 10, 2001 ) RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 7  
TITLE: PLASTICS STABILIZED WITH ZINC )  
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In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2002, please amend this application as follows. The present Amendment is submitted herewith with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A separate Petition for Extension of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith.

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